

NOTICE TO ALL CUSTODIAL PARTIES AND NON-CUSTODIAL PARENTS

SUBJECT: OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM – REVIEW AND ADJUSTMENT REQUESTS

SOLDIERS AND SAILORS CIVIL RELIEF ACT – RESTRICTIONS ON INTEREST

This is to tell you about a federal law called the Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act (SSCRA). This Act offers certain benefits to a parent who has recently been called to active duty as a result of the event of September 11, 2002 and our War on Terrorism. If you are covered by this act you may be eligible for the following benefits:

- If your income has gone down since you were called to active military service, you may be able to have your current child support amount changed.
- A lower interest rate charged on any past due child support you owed before you were called to active military service.

Changes To Child Support Orders

If you were called to active military service, your local child support agency (LCSA) must allow a Custodial Party or a Non-custodial Parent to request a review of his/her current support order. The review process may result in an upward or downward change or no change. Once the review has been completed, both parents must receive a notice.

Lower Interest Rate On Past Due Support

A parent called to military service may also ask for a lower interest rate on child support arrearages under the SSCRA. The interest rate on unpaid child support is usually ten percent in California. However, a service member may request an LCSA to lower the interest rate from ten percent down to six percent charged on past due support that was owed before the date of entry into active service.

Your request for a lower interest rate must be in writing and say that you are asking because of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Relief Act. You must also provide documentation of active duty status and provide the date when active duty began.

If you believe you should get any of the benefits of this Act, you should contact your Local Child Support Agency at:

**Address & phone #
County of San Bernardino
Department of Child Support Services
10417 Mountain Avenue
Loma Linda, CA 92354-2030**

(866) 402-3944